

ing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to inform the Senate whether or not the Texas Emigration Land Company have filed in the Land Office the releases to the State, required by an act relating to land in Peters' Colony; read, and, on motion of Mr. Armstrong, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the Senate adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to change the time of the meeting of the biennial sessions of the Legislature; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 11, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of Sarah Miles, which was, on motion of Mr. Hill, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of the heirs of James W. Bates, for an unconditional certificate for 640 acres of land, which was, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the same committee.

Mr. Edwards, from the committee on Public Printing, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 11th, 1853.

HON. J. W. HENDERSON,

*President of the Senate:*

Your committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate instructing them to contract for copies of the State Gazette and South-Western American, for the use of the members of the Senate, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report that they have contracted with the publishers of the South-Western American newspaper for        copies of their paper tri-weekly, for each member of the Senate (to contain the debates of the Senate), at six cents per copy. They have also contracted with the publishers of the Texas State Gazette for        copies of their paper, tri-weekly, for each member of the Senate, containing the journals of the Senate, at six cents per copy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the rule requiring reports to lie on the table one day, was suspended, and the report taken up.

Mr. Hart moved to fill the blanks with 5. Mr. Potter moved to fill them with 15.

The question being on the largest number, it was lost.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the blanks were filled with ten, and the report adopted.

Mr. McAnelly introduced a bill to incorporate the Austin and Houston Turnpike company; read first time.

Mr. Holland introduced a joint resolution donating the *per diem* pay of each member of the fifth Legislature, for one day, to the relief of the sufferers from the yellow fever within our State; read first time.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill to regulate mills and millers; read first time.

Mr. Sublett introduced a bill to invest \$3,000,000 of the public funds to encourage internal improvements; read first time.

Mr. Paschal introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to ascertain and inform the Senate, on Monday the 14th inst., whether two convenient rooms for the use of the committees can be procured, and at what price.

Mr. Martin introduced a bill supplementary to an act supplementary to and amending an act for the relief of citizens of Mercer's colony, of date Feb. 2, 1850; read first time.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill to amend an act to amend the 26th section of an act concerning crimes and punishments; read first time.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill to establish and endow two universities in the State of Texas; also, a bill to create the office of State Geologist; each read first time.

Mr. Newman introduced a bill to reduce into one act and to amend the several acts granting to settlers on vacant public domain pre-emption privileges; read first time.

Mr. McDade introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Chappell Hill Male and Female Institute; read first time.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill to repeal an act to indemnify the owners for the loss of slaves, executed for capital offences, approved January 25th, 1852; read first time.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill for the relief of Albert F. Barnley; read first time.

Mr. Paschal introduced a bill to incorporate the Medical Association of Texas; read first time.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Hart, requesting the Governor to furnish the Senate with the report of the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Capitol, was read and adopted.

Resolution of the Senate, that the committee on State Affairs be requested to examine into the propriety of providing for a geological survey of the State, and report thereon by bill or otherwise, at as early a day as practicable, was read and adopted.

Resolution of the Senate, that the Governor's Message and accompanying documents be referred to the appropriate committees, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, was amended by referring that portion relative to education, to the committee on Education; and that portion relating to internal improvements, to the committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, the resolution, as amended, was laid on the table.

Resolution of the Senate that the committee on Education be requested to report to the Senate at as early a day as may, by said committee, be deemed expedient, a bill for the establishment and support of a general and uniform system of free public schools throughout the State, was read.

Mr. Taylor moved to strike out free; lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor of the State of Texas, and subordinate temples under its jurisdiction, was read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Lott, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of James McGloin was read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Holland, referred to the same committee.

A bill to change the time of the meeting of the biennial sessions of the Legislature; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Joint resolution to provide for amending the 30th section of the general provisions of the Constitution; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Lott, referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. McDade, the Senate adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SATURDAY, November 12, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.